



CHAPTER 3 LABORATORY RESPONSE PLAN

SECTION 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS) plays a significant role in the response to outbreaks and surveillance of syndromic case definitions including suspect cases of the pandemic virus, influenza and/or other novel respiratory viruses.

This protocol describes the procedures for initial processing and submission of human specimens to Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL), the testing capabilities for the pandemic virus, influenza and/or other novel respiratory viruses at GPHL and the procedure for referral of specimens for further testing at the reference laboratory, e.g. Hawaii State Laboratory Division (HSLD), Pearl City, Hawaii and/or Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, Georgia.

SECTION 2.0 FUNCTIONS OF GPHL

- **Outbreak Investigation**
 - Guam Public Health Response Team (PHRT) is comprised of the Territorial Epidemiologist, Medical Director/Chief Medical Officer, Bureau of Communicable Disease Control (BCDC), GPHL, and the Bureau of Family Health and Nursing Services (BFHNS). PHRT is responsible for the surveillance and epidemiology investigation of diseases of public health significance at ports of entry on Guam, Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA) and/or Port Authority of Guam (PAG) in collaboration with Customs & Quarantine Agency (CQA).
- **Suspect Cases of the Pandemic Virus, Influenza or Other Novel Respiratory Viruses**
 - **GPHL will only accept specimens for testing with prior consultation with the DPHSS Territorial Epidemiologist in consultation with the DPHSS Medical Director/Chief Medical Officer and/or Chief of Medical Operations (MedOps) under the Incident Command (IC).**
 - GPHL will conduct testing and send specimens for further testing as needed to reference laboratory. Apart from the public health clinics: Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC), Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC), it is also anticipated that GPHL will receive specimens for testing from the following laboratories:
 - GMHA

- GRMC
- U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH)
- Andersen Air Force Base Clinic (AAFB Clinic)
- Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Inc. (DLS) [Satellites located at the ITC Building, FHP/TakeCare, Sagua Managu, Guam Medical Plaza, Guam Adult & Pediatric Clinic, American Medical Center, and other DLS-affiliated clinics]
- Guam Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic (SDA)

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a	Territorial Epidemiologist	671-300-5874	671-888-9276
	Director, Laboratory	671-300-9093	671-787-1894
b	Administrator, Laboratory	671-300-9082	671-988-4788
c	Administrator, BCDC	671-735-7143	671-777-7210
	Administrator, BEID	671-687-4388	671-747-6956
d	ELC Program Manager	671-300-6219	671-777-1706
e	Microbiologist III	671-300-9080	671-687-8374
f	Microbiologist Alternate	671-300-9096	671-683-5753
g	PIHOA Regional Lab Coordinator	671-300-9085	671-488-8234

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TEST REQUESTS

- Effective communication with GPLH staff should be established when a laboratory or clinician intends to request for testing at GPLH. **Laboratory Test Requests for GPLH, please access from <http://dphss.guam.gov/laboratory-services/>**
 - **Test requests forwarded by other laboratories/clinics on Guam (In-house)**

- The physician/clinician and if applicable, the laboratory technician will complete and submit the laboratory submission forms, as applicable, Attachment 3-C with the specimen.
 - The laboratory supervisor/ designee of the requesting hospital laboratory, private clinic, or facility/ institution will contact by phone, and email the following individuals at GPLH, to request testing for the pandemic virus, influenza, and/or other novel respiratory viruses.
 - Refer to <http://dphss.guam.gov/laboratory-services/>
 - Refer to Attachment 3-I, as applicable for detailed information.
 - Individuals (a) and (b) are the primary contacts to notify for requests.
 - Persons (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) will be respectively contacted when the primary contacts are unavailable or unreachable.
 - Refer to Attachment 3-A.
- **Test requests initiated at Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA)/ Port Authority of Guam (PAG)**
 - The DPHSS Medical Director/Chief Medical Officer or designee and the laboratory personnel will complete the following forms, as applicable:
 - Attachment 3-E
 - Attachment 3-F
 - Attachment 3-H
 - Refer to Attachment 3-B

SECTION 4.0

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND SUBMISSION

- **Collection Sites**
 - Specimens for the pandemic virus, influenza and/or other novel respiratory viruses testing may be collected from any of the following locations:
 - SRCHC (During a pandemic, workforce will be redirected to NRCHC).

- NRCHC
 - GMHA
 - GRMC
 - USNH
 - AAFB Clinic
 - DLS
 - SDA Clinic
 - GIAA/PAG (GPHL only)
 - QFAC
 - ISOFAC
 - OUTREACH
 - HOMEBOUND
 - Other DPHSS-affiliated location
- **Collection Personnel**
 - All required specimens for laboratory testing will be collected by the physician/clinician or designee of the requesting facility/institution.
 - **Required Specimens**
 - A variety of specimens are suitable for the diagnosis of viral infections of the respiratory tract and/or as ordered by the physician/clinician; however, specimen requirements for testing at GPHL are outlined in Attachment 3-D.
 - The requesting laboratory will submit specimens per GPHL guidelines if no prior test has been performed on the specimen.
 - The requesting laboratory will submit second collected specimen per GPHL guidelines if a screening test has been performed on the first specimen.

- For the port of entry-initiated specimens, the DPHSS Medical Director/Chief Medical Officer or designee must collect specimen for testing per GPHL guidelines.

- **Method and Timing of Specimen Collection**

- Pandemic virus, influenza, and/or other novel respiratory viruses diagnosis depends on the collection of high-quality specimens, their rapid transport to the laboratory and appropriate storage before laboratory testing.
- The virus is best detected in specimens containing infected cells and secretions.
- Specimens for the direct detection of viral antigens or nucleic acids and virus isolation in cell cultures should be taken preferably during the time stated in GPHL protocol after onset of clinical symptoms.
- Use Viral Transport Medium (VTM) collection kits and/or other collection kit per GPHL guidelines. When swabs are collected, swabs with wooden shafts, cotton-tips or calcium alginate will not be accepted.
- All specimens must be clearly labeled with the patient's identification: last name, first name, date of birth and/or patient identification number, type of specimen, date and time of collection, and initial of collector.
- All specimens must be delivered to GPHL as soon as possible or within two (2) hours of collection for specimens at room temperature (15-30°C) or eight (8) hours for refrigerated specimens (2-8°C) if a rapid test is not performed by submitting facility/institution. All specimens must be delivered at 2-8°C.
- Specimens collected at the ports of entry will be submitted to GPHL.
- Acceptable respiratory specimens for patients with suspected pandemic virus, influenza or other novel respiratory viruses should be collected in accordance with current CDC guidelines. Some potential acceptable respiratory specimens and their protocol for collection are detailed below:
 - Nasopharyngeal swabs:
 - A Dacron swab is inserted into the nostril, back to the nasopharynx and left in place for a few seconds. It is slowly withdrawn with a rotating motion. A new swab should be used for the other nostril. The tip of the swab is placed into a vial of viral transport medium, sterile normal saline, or plain sterile sheath/container and the shaft cut.
 - Nasal swabs:

- A Dacron swab is inserted into your nostril no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch (1.5 cm) into your nose. It is slowly rotated, gently pressing against the inside of your nostril at least 4 times for a total of 15 seconds. Get as much nasal discharge as possible on the soft end of the swab. Gently remove the swab. Using the same swab, repeat steps 4-6 in your other nostril with the same end of the swab. The tip of the swab is placed into a vial of viral transport medium, sterile normal saline, or plain sterile sheath/container and the shaft cut.
 - Nasopharyngeal aspirates (recommended for pediatric patients):
- Nasopharyngeal secretions are aspirated through a catheter connected to a mucus trap and fitted to a vacuum source. The catheter is inserted into the nostril parallel to the palate. The vacuum is applied and the catheter is slowly withdrawn with a rotating motion. Mucus from the other nostril is collected with the same catheter in a similar manner. After mucus has been collected from both nostrils, the catheter is flushed with 3 mL of transport medium/normal saline.
- The patient sits in a comfortable position with the head slightly tilted backward and is advised to keep the pharynx closed by saying “K” while the washing fluid (usually normal saline) is applied to the nostril. With a transfer pipette, 1-1.5 mL of washing fluid is instilled into one nostril at a time. The patient then tilts the head forward and lets the washing fluid flow into a specimen cup or a Petri dish. The process is repeated with alternate nostrils until a total of 10-15 mL of washing fluid has been used. GPHL may dilute approximately 3 mL of washing fluid 1:2 in viral transport medium.
- **Note: If appropriate personal protective equipment is not available, lower respiratory tract secretions should NOT be collected.**
 - Oropharyngeal swabs:
- Using only sterile Dacron swabs with a plastic/wire shaft, swab both tonsillar and posterior areas, avoiding the tongue. A new swab should be used for the other nostril. Place the swab in a vial of viral transport medium, sterile normal saline, or plain sterile sheath/container and break shaft.
- **Criteria for Specimen Rejection**
 - Improperly labeled samples or specimen label does not match the submission form. If patient meets CDC pandemic virus, influenza or other novel respiratory virus case definition, testing will be performed, but results will not be released until clarification can be made.
 - Samples with insufficient volume.
 - Specimen received in a container that is leaking.

- Samples not collected in a proper container or special handling instructions are not followed.
- Expired transport media.
- Samples not received at 2-8°C or not transported with cold packs due to the potential for false-negative results.
- Swabs with calcium alginate, wooden shafts, or cotton-tips.
- Incomplete submission form (*e.g.*, no date of onset, travel history, if appropriate, *etc.*).
- **Specimen Transport from the Requesting Laboratory and/or Facility/Institution to GPHL**
 - The requesting laboratory and/or facility/institution will be responsible for the transport and delivery of the specimens to GPHL for infectious disease testing in a timely manner.
 - The specimens shall be labeled with the patient's name: last name, first name, date of birth and/or patient identification number, type of specimen, date and time of collection, and initial of collector.
 - Specimens may be wrapped in absorbent material (*e.g.* paper towel).
 - All specimens will be transported in a clean, plastic, transparent, sealable transport bag.
 - The specimen will be forwarded with Attachment 3-C when delivered to GPHL.
 - The form will be packed in such a way to prevent contamination by the specimen.
 - To prevent the deterioration of the specimens by heat, specimens must be transported with ice packs to GPHL to keep and maintain samples at 2-8°C.

SECTION 5.0

SPECIMEN RECEIPT AT GPHL

- All incoming specimens for the pandemic virus, influenza and/or other novel respiratory viruses testing at GPHL will be accessioned by the receiving laboratory personnel.
- The specimen will be entered/logged into the GPHL Patient Accessioning System.
- The specimen will be assigned a laboratory accession number.

- The specimen will be referred to the Microbiologist III or alternate who will enter/log it into the respective GPLH Register System.

SECTION 6.0

PRELIMINARY PANDEMIC VIRUS, INFLUENZA AND/OR OTHER NOVEL RESPIRATORY VIRUS TESTING AT GPLH

- Two methods will be utilized for the pandemic virus, influenza and/or novel respiratory virus testing at GPLH.
 - **Rapid detection testing for the pandemic virus, influenza and/or other novel respiratory virus using the Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDT)/Point of Care Tests (POCT).**
 - *Principle of test:* This assay is a preliminary test and result for presumptive negative may need confirmatory testing. Results should be treated with caution, patient follow up and repeat testing if clinically indicated are recommended. It will primarily be used to investigate cases.
 - *Test Duration:* ~ 30 minutes
 - Results **may be** available within 30 minutes from time of receipt.
 - **Selection of Specimens for Testing at GPLH**
 - Only specimens, meeting the criteria (high risk groups and/or outbreak occurrences) and current case definition set by the CDC/WHO, will be accepted.

SECTION 7.0

CONFIRMATORY TESTING AT GPLH

- **Real Time Reverse Transcriptase-Polymerase Chain Reaction (rRT-PCR) Assay**
 - *Principle of test:* The rRT-PCR assay is used to detect respiratory virus pathogens that may be associated with a clinical presentation indistinguishable from other respiratory diseases. The rRT-PCR assay is a confirmatory test for the detection and identification of pandemic virus and/or respiratory virus, such as Influenza A (Flu A), Influenza B (Flu B), and/or other novel respiratory virus.
 - *Test Duration:* ~ 4-6 hours
 - Results **may be** available as early as 4 hours from the time of receipt at GPLH.

- The clinical sensitivity and specificity of rRT-PCR assays are 100%. Sequencing and/or genotyping will be performed on representative positive isolates, meeting CDC criteria, will be referred to CDC in Atlanta, Georgia or Hawaii State Laboratory Division (HSLD) as needed, for further analysis and/or confirmation.

SECTION 8.0

SHIPPING OF SPECIMENS TO REFERENCE LABORATORY

Import permit will be issued by reference laboratory.

- **Specimen Packing**

- GPHL will be responsible for packing and shipping specimens from Guam to reference laboratory for further testing as needed using recommended Shipping Protocol.
- It is essential that the pandemic virus, influenza and/or other novel respiratory virus specimens are sent as soon as possible after collection using recommended shipping protocol.
- If shipping is delayed >2 days, then the specimens should be frozen at -70°C and shipped on dry ice.

Packing and shipping of the pandemic virus, influenza and/or other novel respiratory virus specimens will comply with current edition of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR). Refer to: www.iata.org and US DOT 49 CFR Parts 171-180: (<http://hazmat.dot.gov/regs/rules.htm>).

- **Shipping Communications**

- The shipper at GPHL will be responsible for the immediate notification of the intended shipment to the Consignee.
- In the event a shipment goes astray, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or other agencies will be notified as applicable.

- **Payment of Shipments**

- DPHSS will be responsible for funding the costs of shipment.

SECTION 9.0

DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING OF LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

- All preliminary and confirmatory laboratory tests will be recorded in the respective GPHL Register daily or upon availability.

- Copies of all laboratory reports will be filed at GPLH.
- GPLH will be responsible for communicating all laboratory test results of preliminary and/or confirmatory tests to the requesting laboratory/physician/clinician as outlined in Attachment 3-A and Attachment 3-B.
- GPLH will notify laboratory positive test results, within 30 to 60 minutes upon completion of test, to the requesting facility via telephone, fax, and/or electronically (encrypted).
- All positive results will be reported immediately to the 24-hour point of contact authorized to receive results at the requesting institution.
- Reference laboratory will convey all confirmatory test results to GPLH through telephone, fax and/or electronically (encrypted).
- Requesting facilities will be responsible for picking up hard-copies of laboratory test results.

SECTION 10.0

PROCUREMENT AND INVENTORY OF LABORATORY SUPPLIES

- Any facility requesting pandemic virus, influenza and/or other novel respiratory virus testing may be responsible for procuring and maintaining inventory, if not able, GPLH can procure and maintain inventory for following laboratory supplies:
- VTM collection kit (for collection of nasopharyngeal/oropharyngeal specimens).
- Sterile specimen containers (for collection of nasopharyngeal aspirates and other acceptable specimens).
- Clean, sealable transport bags.
- PPE (i.e. gowns, examination gloves, respirators/masks, face shields, and other PPEs as applicable).
- GPLH may supply viral transport medium, as needed.
 - The Attachment 3-C will be available on-line. Accessed March 4, 2022 from <http://dphss.guam.gov/laboratory-services/> or hard-copies may be obtained at GPLH.

SECTION 11.0

CONTINUITY OF LABORATORY OPERATIONS DURING AN OUTBREAK

- Refer to DPHSS COOP.

SECTION 12.0

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN THE LABORATORY

- Refer to current edition of Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories or Accessed March 4, 2022 from <https://www.cdc.gov/labs/BMBL.html>
- **The following should be performed with standard Biosafety Level 2 (BSL-2) practices:**
 - Collection of respiratory specimens.
 - Perform rapid detection testing.
 - Work surfaces should be decontaminated upon completion of work with appropriate disinfectants and all biohazardous waste autoclaved.
- **The following should be performed in BSL-2 facilities with standard BSL-2 practices:**
 - Laboratory workers should wear PPEs, including disposable gloves and solid front gowns with cuffed sleeves.
 - Routine staining and microscopic analysis of fixed smears.
 - Work surfaces should be decontaminated upon completion of work with appropriate disinfectants and all biohazardous waste autoclaved.
- **The following activities involving untreated specimens should be performed in a BSL-2 facility AND in a Class II biological safety cabinet using standard BSL-2 practices:**
 - Any procedure or process that cannot be conducted within a biological safety cabinet requires the use of appropriate combinations of PPE (e.g. respirators/masks, face shields, and other PPEs as applicable) and physical containment devices (centrifuge safety cups or sealed rotors). Centrifugation should always be carried out using aerosol-sealed centrifuge cups and rotors that are loaded and unloaded in a biological safety cabinet.
 - Aliquoting, agitation, diluting or other manipulation of specimens that may cause aerosols.

- Decontamination of primary container for packing specimens for transport to reference laboratory for additional testing.
- Work surfaces should be decontaminated upon completion of work with appropriate disinfectants and all biohazardous waste autoclaved.

SECTION 13.0

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Any changes to the contact information of requesting facilities must be conveyed to the Laboratory Administrator, Microbiologist III and/or designee.
- Refer to Attachment 3-I.

SECTION 14.0

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PANDEMIC PHASES FOR LABORATORY SERVICES WHO PHASE 1: INTERPANDEMIC PERIOD

▪ DPHSS

- ☐ Continue with routine laboratory services.
- ☐ Maintain inventory of laboratory supplies and equipment.
- ☐ Establish guidelines for collection and transport of human specimens for the laboratory diagnosis of influenza and other novel respiratory virus infection.
- ☐ Establish guidelines to notify physicians of laboratory testing and criteria for submitting specimens.
- ☐ Purchase at least four rapid detection test kits and maintain one kit at all times.
- ☐ Establish a list of reference laboratories for further testing.

▪ GMHA and GRMC

- ☐ Continue with routine laboratory services.
- ☐ Microbiology Department will log all routine influenza or other novel respiratory virus test results done per normal lab protocol and monitor for any significant increase in cases. The microbiologist on duty will report significant changes to the Infection Control Officer or designee.

▪ USNH

- ☐ USNH will follow DoD protocols in handling pandemic influenza.

▪ AAFB CLINIC

- ☐ AAFB Clinic will follow DoD protocols in handling pandemic influenza.

▪ DLS and SDA

- ☐ These laboratories will follow directives from DPHSS.

WHO PHASE 2: INTERPANDEMIC PERIOD

▪ **DPHSS**

- ☐ Continue with routine laboratory services.
- ☐ Review inventory of laboratory supplies and procure as needed.
- ☐ Local physicians notified of available laboratory testing and criteria for submitting specimens.
- ☐ Laboratory testing for influenza or other novel respiratory virus of human patients with symptoms and epidemiological risk factors.
- ☐ Monitor for significant increase in cases for influenza or other novel respiratory viruses.

▪ **GMHA and GRMC**

- ☐ Continue with routine laboratory services.
- ☐ Microbiology Department will log all routine influenza or other novel respiratory virus test results done per normal lab protocol and monitor for any significant increase in cases. The microbiologist on duty will report significant changes to the Infection Control Officer or designee.

▪ **USNH**

- ☐ USNH will follow DoD protocols in handling pandemic influenza.

▪ **AAFB CLINIC**

- ☐ AAFB Clinic will follow DoD protocols in handling pandemic influenza.

▪ **DLS and SDA**

- ☐ These laboratories will follow directives from DPHSS.

WHO PHASE 3: PANDEMIC ALERT PERIOD



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▪ DPHSS

- ☐ Continue with routine laboratory services.
- ☐ Review inventory of laboratory supplies and procure as needed.
- ☐ Laboratory testing for influenza or novel respiratory virus of human patients with symptoms and epidemiological risk factors.
- ☐ Monitor for significant increase in cases for influenza or other novel respiratory viruses.

▪ GMHC and GRMC

- ☐ Laboratory Administrator or designee will evaluate the supply and usage of Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDT)/Point of Care Tests (POCT) to determine supply needs during a 6-8 week period.
- ☐ Laboratory Director, Laboratory Administrator and Microbiology Supervisor will work with GPHL to address surge capacity issues during an influenza or other novel respiratory virus pandemic.
- ☐ Laboratory Administrator or designee will assess current routine laboratory supplies and resources needs to last for a 6-8 week period in preparation for a pending influenza or novel respiratory virus pandemic. See *Laboratory Collection, Processing, and Referral of Specimens to DPHSS*, See Appendix 4.
- ☐ Microbiology Department will continue surveillance of all routine influenza or novel respiratory virus tests done per normal lab protocol and monitor for any significant increase in cases. The microbiologist on duty will report significant changes to the Infection Control Officer or designee. The surveillance log will specifically identify the following:
 - Total number of respiratory specimens tested.
 - Number testing positive for influenza or novel respiratory virus and age group.
- ☐ Laboratory personnel will continue to conduct routine testing.
- ☐ Laboratory Administrator will start planning with DPHSS the specimen requirements and transport flow in the event that GMHA is directed to refer specimens. See *Laboratory Collection, Processing, and Referral of Specimens to DPHSS*, See Appendix 4.
- ☐ Laboratory Director shall update Laboratory Plan as needed.



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▪ USNH

- ☐ USNH will follow DoD protocols in handling pandemic influenza or other novel respiratory virus.

▪ AAFB CLINIC

- ☐ AAFB Clinic will follow DoD protocols in handling pandemic influenza or other novel respiratory virus.
- ☐ **DLS and SDA**
- ☐ These laboratories will follow directives from DPHSS.

WHO PHASE 4: PANDEMIC ALERT PERIOD

▪ DPHSS

- ☐ Continue with routine laboratory services.
- ☐ Review inventory of laboratory supplies and procure as needed.
- ☐ Continue laboratory testing for local cases meeting CDC/WHO case definition.
- ☐ Monitor for significant increase in cases for influenza or other novel respiratory viruses.

▪ GMHA and GRMC

- ☐ Laboratory Administrator or designee will continue to evaluate the supply and usage of Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDT)/Point of Care Tests (POCT) to determine supply needs during a 6-8 week period.
- ☐ Laboratory Director, Laboratory Administrator and Microbiology Supervisor will continue to work with GPHL to address surge capacity issues during an influenza or novel respiratory virus pandemic.
- ☐ Laboratory Administrator or designee will continue to monitor supply and equipment needs.
- ☐ Microbiology Department will continue surveillance of all routine influenza or novel respiratory virus tests done per normal lab protocol and monitor for any significant increase in cases. The microbiologist on duty will report significant changes to the Infection Control Officer or designee. The surveillance log will specifically identify the following:



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- Total number of respiratory specimens tested.
- Number testing positive for influenza or novel respiratory virus and age group.
- Laboratory personnel will continue to conduct routine testing.
- If a specimen is sent to laboratory that is referenced as meeting the criteria for testing as an influenza or other novel respiratory virus strain, then the following actions need to be taken:
 - Microbiology will implement processes for processing and referral of specimens to DPHSS. See *Laboratory Collection, Processing, and Referral of Specimens to DPHSS*, See Appendix 4.
 - Microbiology will contact the Microbiologist III at DPHSS or alternate for additional instructions or updates for specimen referral.
 - Microbiology staff will log the case in the Influenza or other Novel Respiratory Disease Log book and report the case to Infection Control Officer or designee.
- Laboratory Director in conjunction with Laboratory Administrator will update *Laboratory Plan* as needed.
- **USNH**
 - USNH will follow DoD protocols in handling pandemic influenza or other novel respiratory virus.
- **AAFB CLINIC**
 - AAFB Clinic will follow DoD protocols in handling pandemic influenza or other novel respiratory virus.
- **DLS and SDA**
 - These laboratories will follow directives from DPHSS.

WHO PHASE 5: PANDEMIC ALERT PERIOD

- **DPHSS**
 - Continue with routine laboratory services.

- Review inventory of laboratory supplies and procure as needed.
- Continue laboratory testing for local cases meeting CDC/WHO case definition.
- Monitor for significant increase in cases for influenza or other novel respiratory viruses.

▪ **GMHA and GRMC**

- Laboratory Administrator or designee will continue to evaluate the supply and usage of Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDT)/ Point of Care Tests (POCT) to determine supply needs during a 6-8 week period.
- Laboratory Director, Laboratory Administrator and Microbiology Supervisor will continue to work with GPHL to address surge capacity issues and referral of lab specimens during an influenza or novel respiratory virus pandemic.
- Laboratory Administrator or designee will continue to monitor supply and equipment needs.
- Microbiology Department will continue surveillance of all routine influenza or novel respiratory virus tests done per normal lab protocol and monitor for any significant increase in cases. The microbiologist on duty will report significant changes to the Infection Control Officer or designee. The surveillance log will specifically identify the following:
 - Total number of respiratory specimens tested.
 - Number testing positive for influenza or other novel respiratory virus and age group.
- Laboratory personnel will continue to conduct routine testing.
- If a specimen is sent to laboratory that is referenced as meeting the criteria for testing as an influenza or novel respiratory virus strain, then the following actions need to be taken:
 - Microbiology will implement processes for processing and referral of specimens to DPHSS. See *Laboratory Collection, Processing, and Referral of Specimens to DPHSS*, See Appendix 4.
 - Microbiology will contact the Microbiologist III at DPHSS or alternate for additional instructions or updates for specimen referral.
 - Microbiology staff will log the case in the Influenza or Novel Respiratory Virus Log book and report the case to Infection Control Officer or designee.



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- ☐ Laboratory Director in conjunction with Laboratory Administrator will update *Laboratory Plan* as needed.
- **USNH**
 - ☐ USNH will follow DoD protocols in handling pandemic influenza or other novel respiratory virus.
- **AAFB CLINIC**
 - ☐ AAFB Clinic will follow DoD protocols in handling pandemic influenza or other novel respiratory virus.
- **DLS and SDA**
 - ☐ These laboratories will follow directives from DPHSS.

WHO PHASE 6: PANDEMIC PERIOD

- **DPHSS**
 - ☐ Routine laboratory services may halt. Only routine laboratory services deemed essential may continue.
 - ☐ Review inventory of laboratory supplies and procure as needed.
 - ☐ Continue laboratory testing for local cases meeting CDC/WHO case definition.
 - ☐ Criteria for submitting specimens may be altered to avoid laboratory overload.
 - ☐ Most testing discontinued when local transmission is confirmed.
 - ☐ Review results of laboratory testing; changes made in criteria for submitting specimens if necessary.
 - ☐ At end of first wave, discontinue laboratory testing once activity in initially affected regions/countries has stopped, decrease in cases or is absent. Test only specimens from patients with appropriate travel history, new syndrome, and other required information per CDC guidance.
 - ☐ If a second outbreak occurs (3-9 months after first wave), repeat Phases 4-6 as appropriate.

▪ **GMHA and GRMC**

- Laboratory Administrator or designee will ensure the continuous availability of Rapid Diagnostics Tests (RDTs)/ Point of Care Tests (POCTs) based on determined supply needs for a 6-8 week period.
- Laboratory Director, Laboratory Administrator and Microbiology Supervisor will continue to work with GPHL to address surge capacity issues and referral of lab specimens during an influenza pandemic.
- Laboratory Administrator or designee will continue to monitor supply and equipment needs.
- Microbiology Department will continue surveillance of all routine RDTs/POCTs done per normal lab protocol and monitor for any significant increase in cases. The microbiologist on duty will report significant changes to the Infection Control Officer or designee. The surveillance log will specifically identify the following:
 - Total number of respiratory specimens tested.
 - Number testing positive for novel influenza or other novel respiratory diseases and age group.
- Laboratory personnel will continue to conduct routine testing.
- If a specimen is sent to laboratory that is referenced as meeting the criteria for testing as an influenza or other novel respiratory virus strain, then the following actions need to be taken:
 - Microbiology will implement processes for processing and referral of specimens to DPHSS. See *Laboratory Collection, Processing, and Referral of Specimens to DPHSS*, See Appendix 4.
 - Microbiology will contact the Microbiologist III at DPHSS or alternative for additional instructions or updates for specimen referral.
 - Microbiology staff will log the case in the Influenza or Novel Respiratory Virus Log book and report the case to Infection Control Officer or designee.
 - **NOTE:** Laboratory Administrator will continually check for updates in recommendations from DPHSS for routine laboratory confirmation of clinical diagnoses. **Routine laboratory confirmation of clinical diagnosis of pandemic influenza or other novel respiratory virus may not be a priority as pandemic activity becomes widespread in the community.** CDC will continue to work with the DPHSS laboratory to conduct virologic



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surveillance to monitor antigenic changes and antiviral resistance in the pandemic virus strains throughout the Pandemic Period.

☐ Laboratory Director in conjunction with Laboratory Administrator will update *Laboratory Plan* as needed.

▪ USNH

☐ USNH will follow DoD protocols in handling pandemic influenza or novel respiratory virus.

▪ AAFB CLINIC

☐ AAFB Clinic will follow DoD protocols in handling pandemic influenza or novel respiratory virus.

▪ DLS and SDA

☐ These laboratories will follow directives from DPHSS.

WHO POST PANDEMIC PHASE

▪ DPHSS, GMHA, GRMC, USNH, AAFB CLINIC, DLS AND SDA

☐ Revert to Interpandemic Period.

Guam DPHSS Central Laboratory Services,

Accessed March 4, 2022 from

<http://dphss.guam.gov/laboratory-services/>

The Laboratory Services identifies diseases of public health concern, and provide laboratory services to identify, treat and control tuberculosis, Hansen's Disease, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, vaccine preventable diseases, and the provision of maternal child health and family planning services.

Hours of Operations:

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closed on Government of Guam Holidays

For more information call 671-300-9093 or 671-735-7143.



CHAPTER 3 LABORATORY RESPONSE PLAN

GPHL Documents and Forms,

Accessed March 4, 2022 from

<http://dphss.guam.gov/laboratory-services/>:

[COVID-19 Abbott ID Now GPHL Guidelines Reviewed 06.22.2021](#)

[COVID-19 SARS-CoV-2 rRT-PCR GPHL Guidelines Reviewed 06.22.2021](#)

[Acute Neurologic Illness of Undetermined Etiology Specimen Guidelines 2014 Rev Oct 2019](#)

[Acute Flacid Myelitis \(AFM\) Attachments Clinician Job Aid Submission Patient Summary Instructions](#)

[Acute Flaccid Myelitis \(AFM\) Patient-Summary-Form Verson 5.0, 9.13.17](#)

[Acute Flaccid Myelitis \(AFM\) Guidelines Specimen Collection Instructions](#)

[ZIKV Case Investigation Form \(2016-02-06\)](#)

[ZIKA VIRUS Collection and Submission Guidelines Updated 08.11.16](#)

[Updated MTBRIF Collection and Submission Guideline 09.25.18](#)

[Syndromes FOPA](#)

[MERS Guidelines 2015 Reviewed Oct 2019](#)

[INFLUENZA Guidelines Specimen Requirement Updated 1.28.16](#)

[GPHL DPHSS Submission Form](#)

[GPHL Dengue Specimen Submission Form](#)

[EV-D68 Guidelines 2014 Reviewed Oct 2019](#)

[EBOLA Guidelines 2014 Reviewed October 2019](#)

[Dengue Collection and Submission Guideline](#)

[Data and Specimen Handling \(DASH\)](#)



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[CTNG VAGINAL ENDOCERVICAL COLLECTION INSTRUCTION Reviewed Oct 2019](#)

[CTNG URINE COLLECTION INSTRUCTION Reviewed Oct 2019](#)

[CHIKUNGUNYA Collection and Submission Guideline](#)

[HSLD Spec Submission Form](#)

[GPHLMassGatheringGuidelines Reviewed October 2019](#)

[GPHLMassGathering-Attachment-A-DiagnosticTestsforTargetingDiseasesunderSurveillance
Reviewed October 2019](#)

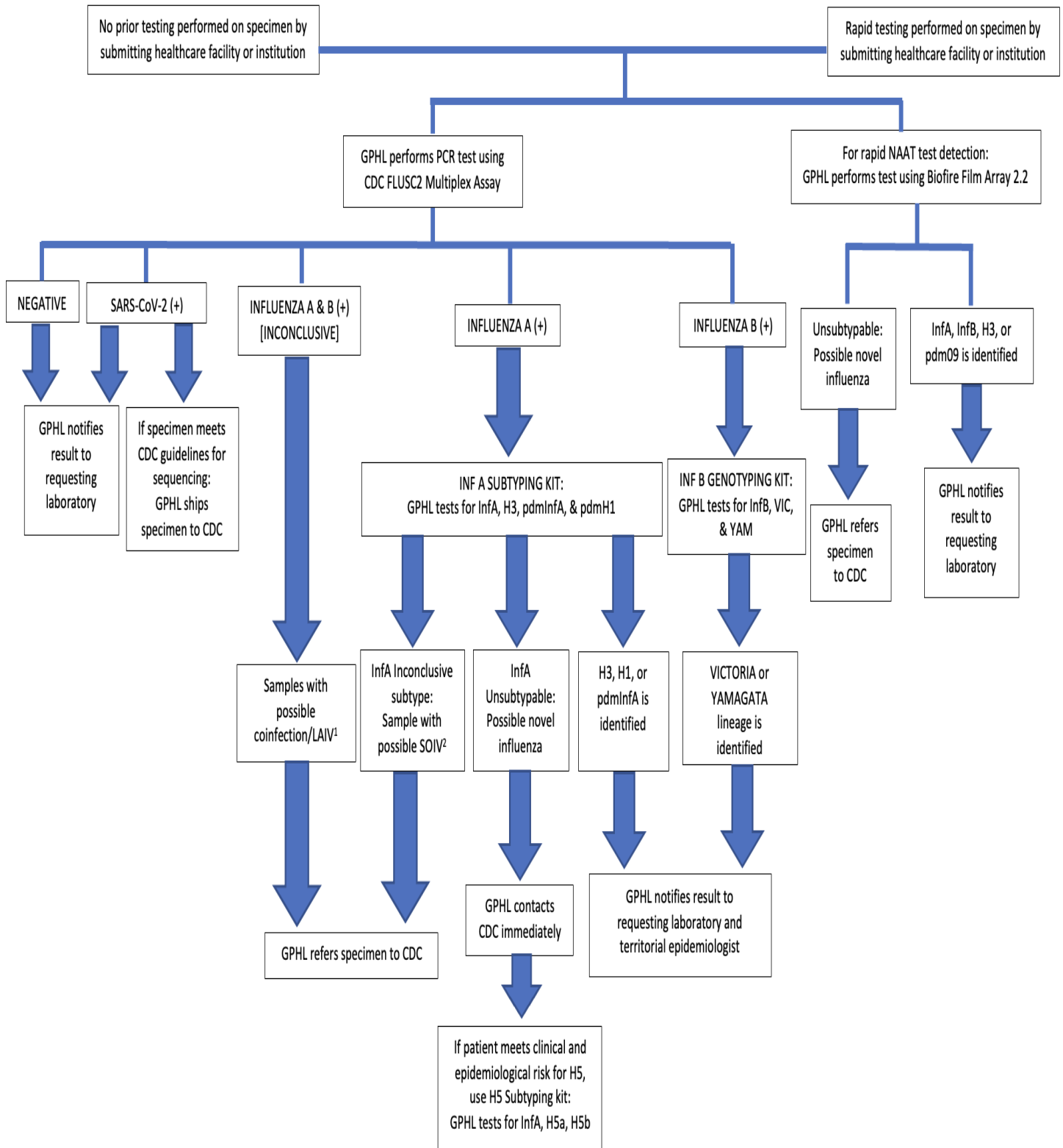
[GPHL Mass Gathering Attachment B List Syndromes Sentinel Sites](#)

[GPHLMassGatheringGuidelines Reviewed October 2019](#)

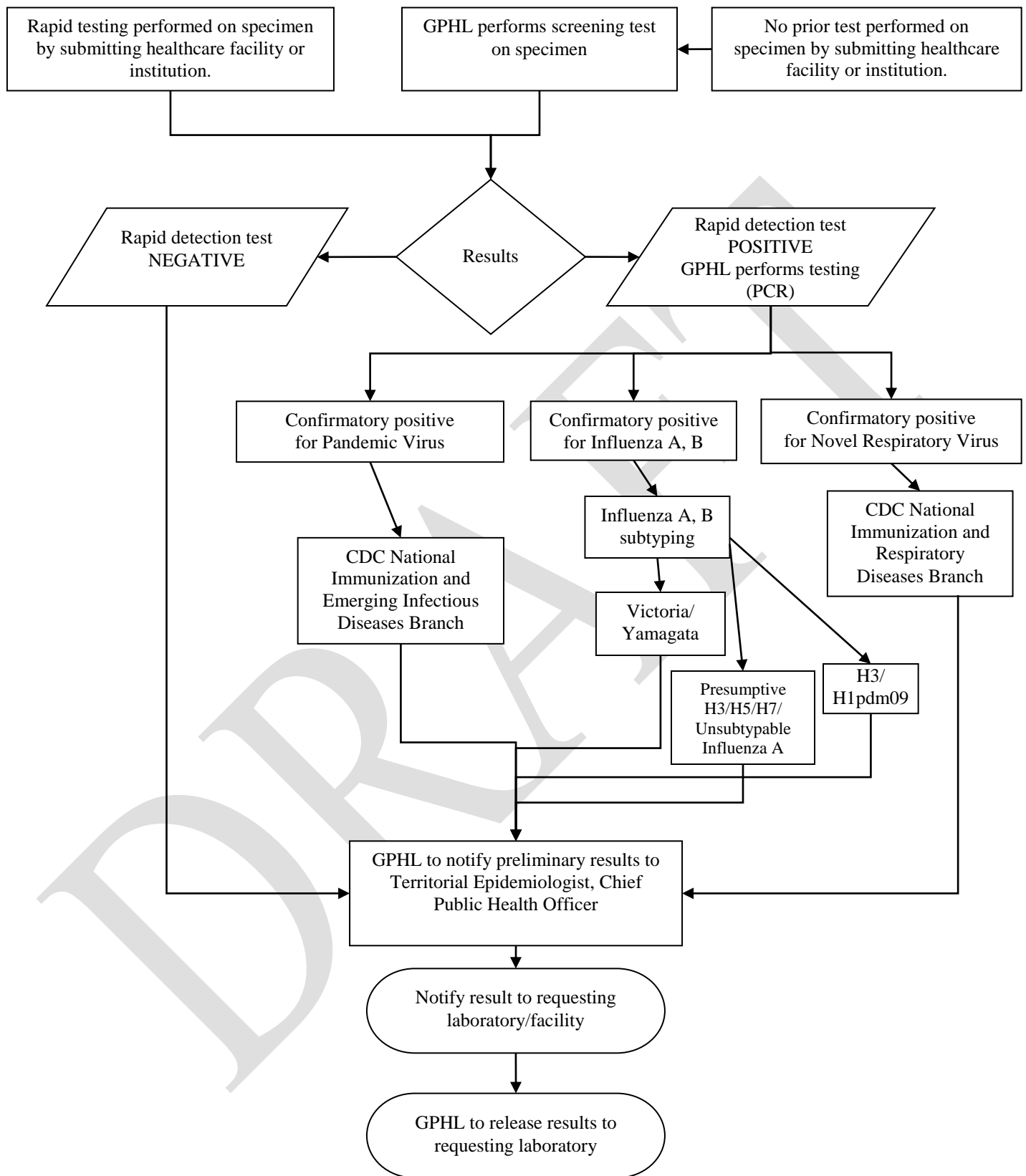
[GPHL TB Submission Form for Smear Microscopy and Xpert MTB](#)

[GPHL Influenza Submission Form](#)

GPHL IN-HOUSE SPECIMEN TESTING ALGORITHM FOR INFLUENZA



In-house Specimen Testing Algorithm for Pandemic Virus/Influenza/Novel Respiratory Virus at GPHL



*Justification must be completed by State health department laboratory before specimen can be accepted by CDC. Please check the first applicable statement and when appropriate complete the statement with the *.*

1. Disease suspected to be of public health importance. Specimen is:

(a) from an outbreak. (b) from uncommon or exotic disease.

(c) an isolate that cannot be identified, is atypical, shows multiple antibiotic resistance, or from a normally sterile site(s) (d) from a disease for which reliable diagnostic reagents or expertise are unavailable in State.

2. Ongoing collaborative CDC/State project.

3. Confirmation of results requested for quality assurance.

*Prior arrangement for testing has been made.
Please bring to the attention of:

(Name): _____

Completed by: _____

Date: _____

STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT LABORATORY ADDRESS:

STATE HEALTH DEPT. NO.: _____

DATE SENT TO CDC: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

PATIENT IDENTIFICATION: (Hospital No.) _____

NAME: (LAST, FIRST, MI) _____

BIRTHDATE: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ SEX: MALE FEMALE

CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS: _____

ASSOCIATED ILLNESS: _____

DATE OF ONSET: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ FATAL? YES NO

(FOR CDC USE ONLY)

UNIT	FY	CDC NUMBER	SUF	DATE RECEIVED
		NUMBER		MO DA YR

THIS FORM MUST BE EITHER PRINTED OR TYPED

PLEASE PREPARE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH SPECIMEN

D.A.S.H.

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Comments:

DATE REPORTED

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Centers for Disease Control

Center for Infectious Diseases

Atlanta, Georgia 30333



The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, is authorized to collect this information, including the Social Security number (if applicable), under provisions of the Public Health Service Act, Section 301 (42 U.S.C. 241). Supplying the information is voluntary and there is no penalty for not providing it. The data will be used to increase understanding of disease patterns, develop prevention and control programs, and communicate new knowledge to the health community. Data will become part of CDC Privacy Act system 09-20-0106, "Specimen Handling for Testing and Related Data" and may be disclosed: to appropriate State or local public health departments and cooperating medical authorities to deal with conditions of public health significance; to private contractors assisting CDC in analyzing and refining records; to researchers under certain limited circumstances to conduct further investigations; to organizations to carry out audits and reviews on behalf of HHS; to the Department of Justice in the event of litigation, and to a congressional office assisting individuals in obtaining their records. An accounting of the disclosures that have been made by CDC will be made available to the subject individual upon request. Except for permissible disclosures expressly authorized by the Privacy Act, no other disclosure may be made without the subject individual's written consent.

- CDC SPECIMEN SUBMISSION FORM -



GUAM PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
761 South Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning, Guam 96913
Telephone: (671) 300-9085/9096/9097/9098
Fax: (671) 300-7355/9989
(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

GPLH LABORATORY NUMBER

DATE RECEIVED

ORDERING/PRIMARY PHYSICIAN: ADDRESS: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone No.: _____	I. PATIENT IDENTIFICATION							
	LAST NAME		FIRST NAME AND MIDDLE INITIAL					
	RESIDENT ADDRESS (Physical place of residence Street, City, Zip Code)							
	Street: _____							
SUBMITTING LABORATORY: ADDRESS: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone No.: _____	City: _____		State: _____		Zip Code: _____			
	PHONE NO.: Cell/Mobile: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____							
	OCCUPATION		ETHNICITY		DATE OF BIRTH		SEX	
	DATE OF ONSET		LABORATORY EXAMINATION REQUESTED					
CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS								
CATEGORY OF AGENT SUSPECTED		SPECIFIC AGENT SUSPECTED						

II. SPECIMEN INFORMATION		III. CLINIC HISTORY
1. SOURCE OF SPECIMEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HUMAN <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify): _____	4. SEROLOGY OF SPECIMEN <input type="checkbox"/> PURE ISOLATE <input type="checkbox"/> MIXED CULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify): _____	1. CLINICAL SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS <input type="checkbox"/> FEVER <input type="checkbox"/> EXANTHEMA (Specify Type): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> RESPIRATORY SIGNS: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GASTROINTESTINAL INVOLVEMENT: _____
2. ORIGINAL MATERIAL TYPE OF SPECIMEN (SPECIFY SITE OF COLLECTION): _____ DATE AND TIME OF COLLECTION: _____ TRANSPORT MEDIUM: VIRAL TRANSPORT MEDIA COLLECTED BY (PRINT NAME): _____	DATE OF ORIGINAL CULTURE: _____ PRIMARY ISOLATION MEDIA: _____ COLLECTION SITE OF ORIGINAL SPECIMEN: _____ DATE OF CULTURE SUBMITTED AND TRANSPORT MEDIUM USED: _____ SUSPECTED IDENTIFICATION: _____ OTHER ORGANISMS FOUND: _____ OTHER INFORMATION: _____	2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TRAVEL HISTORY: _____ IMMUNIZATIONS: _____ ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY: _____
3. SEROLOGY OF SPECIMEN COLLECTION DATE: <input type="checkbox"/> ACUTE (S1): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> CONVALESCENT (S2): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> S3: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> S4: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify): _____		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BCDC GPLH USE ONLY		3. PREVIOUS LABORATORY RESULTS/OTHER INFORMATION
DATE OF REPORT: _____ TECH INITIALS: _____		
The instrumentation used to conduct the test has significant sensitivity. Nevertheless few negative results should be treated with caution. Patient follow up and repeat testing, if clinically indicated, are recommended.		

Patient Last Name: _____ Patient First Name: _____
 Date of Birth: _____



Date of onset: _____ (if symptomatic)

During this illness, did the patient experience any of the following symptoms?

SYMPTOMS	YES	NO
Fever >100.4F (38C)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subjective fever (felt feverish)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Muscle aches (myalgias)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Runny nose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sore throat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of sense of smell or taste or appetite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Headache	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fatigue/weakness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cough (new or worsening)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shortness of breath	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nausea or vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chest pain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nausea or vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abdominal pain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diarrhea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Does the patient have any pre-existing medical conditions?

CONDITION	YES	NO
Chronic lung disease (asthma, emphysema, COPD)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diabetes mellitus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cardiovascular disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hypertension only (high blood pressure)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chronic renal disease (ESRD/CRI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chronic liver disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Immunocompromised condition (cancer, chemo, lupus, HIV etc).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neurological/neurodevelopmental/intellectual disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hepatitis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Former smoker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current smoker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of Interviewer: Last _____ First _____
 Date of Interview: _____



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GUAM PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY GUIDELINES

**SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS FOR DETECTION OF INFLUENZA A, B and
SUBTYPING**

Methodology:	1. Cepheid GeneXpert Flu (Influenza) PCR 2. ABI 7500 Fast Dx Real-Time PCR (CDC Human Influenza Virus Real-Time RT Diagnostic Panel)
Performed at GPHL Lab:	<p>1. The Cepheid GeneXpert Flu (Influenza) assay is an FDA-cleared automated, real-time RT-PCR assay for the qualitative detection of Influenza A and Influenza B viral RNA. It differentiates 2009 Influenza H1N1 from seasonal Influenza A and B.</p> <p>2. The CDC Human Influenza Virus Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel is used in an FDA-cleared real-time RT-PCR assay using ABI 7500 Fast Dx Real-Time instrument. It will detect influenza virus type A or B. It will also determine the subtype of seasonal human influenza (A, H1, H3, pdmA, pdmH1) and it will also detect the genetic lineage of influenza B (B/Victoria or B/Yamagata).</p> <p>Clinicians should suspect Novel Influenza A (H1N1) in person with ILI who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have had close contact with a person who is a swine-origin influenza confirmed case; OR2. Traveled to a community in the United States or internationally where there are one or more confirmed swine-origin influenza cases; OR3. Resides in a community where there are one or more confirmed swine-origin influenza A (H1N1) cases; OR4. Patients presenting with sepsis syndrome (unexplainable); OR5. Patients presenting with respiratory distress syndrome. <p>ILI is defined as fever (temperature of 100°F (37.8°C) or greater) and a cough and/or a sore throat in the absence of a KNOWN cause other than influenza.</p>
For private clinics and providers:	<p>Specimen Submission Guidelines</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Submit one sample in M4 media (M4 media will be provided by PH upon request). Refer to Specimen Collection instructions below for acceptable specimens.2. Fill out required form(s) COMPLETELY (GPHL Influenza Submission Form AND other required forms). Send forms with the specimen.3. Freeze specimens immediately after collection.4. Send frozen specimens to Guam Public Health laboratory Mondays-Fridays 8AM-430PM.

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Specimen Required:	Preferred respiratory specimens: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nasal swabs 2. Nasopharyngeal swabs / aspirates 3. Nasal wash / aspirates
Specimen Collection:	<p>Use only swabs provided in the M4 collection kit. No substitution of swabs.</p> <p>For Nasal Sample – To collect a nasal swab sample insert the sterile swab into the nostril that presents the most secretion under visual inspection. Using gentle rotation, push the swab until resistance is met at the level of the turbinates (less than one inch into the nostril). Rotate the swab a few times against the nasal wall.</p> <p>For Nasopharyngeal Sample – To collect a nasopharyngeal swab sample, insert the sterile swab into the nostril that presents the most secretion under visual inspection. Keep the swab near the septum floor of the nose while gently pushing the swab into the posterior nasopharynx. Rotate the swab several times.</p> <p>For Nasal Wash or Aspirate Sample –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Older Children and Adults: With the patient's head hyper-extended instill about 2.5 ml of sterile normal saline into one nostril with a syringe. To collect the wash, place a clean, dry specimen container directly under the nose with slight pressure on the upper lip. Tilt the head forward and allow the fluid to run out of the nostril into the specimen container. Repeat for the other nostril and collect the fluid into the same specimen container. • For Younger Children: The child should sit in the parent's lap facing forward with the child's back against the parent's chest. The parent should wrap one arm around the child in a manner that will restrain the child's body and arms Fill an aspiration bulb or bulb syringe with up to 2.5 ml of sterile normal saline (depending on the size of the child), and instill the saline into one nostril while the head is tilted back. Release the pressure on the bulb to aspirate the specimen back into the bulb. Transfer the specimen into a clean, dry specimen container. Repeat the process for the child's other nostril and transfer the specimen into the same specimen container. <p>Label each specimen with a unique identifier, type of specimen and date of collection.</p> <p>Place Swabs in biohazard specimen transport bag, seal and freeze. Place Submission form in outside pouch when sending to GPH laboratory.</p>
Specimen Transport, Storage and Stability	Store and transport specimens in frozen state. Do not freeze-thaw.

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Specimen Submission	<p>The submitting facility must notify BT Microbiologist or alternate of GPHL at (671) 735-7153/158/355</p> <p>NOTE: It is the responsibility of the submitter to track the arrival of the specimens along with the Influenza Specimen Laboratory Submission form at GPHL to ensure that these specimens are received by the Laboratory staff.</p>
Rejection Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thawed specimens. • Specimen quantity is insufficient to perform the test; • Specimen received in a container that is leaking. • Specimen is not collected in a M4 media or special handling instruction is not followed; • Transport media is expired; • Swab with calcium alginate, wooden shafts, cotton- tipped; • Specimen subjected to repeated freeze-thaw cycle. • Unlabelled specimens; • Illegible/ incomplete Submission forms (e.g., no date of onset, travel history, etc.) • Specimen label does not match the Submission form.
Submission Form	<p>Influenza Specimen Laboratory Submission Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each specimen submitted must have a completed Submission Form, with the patient name, patient identification number, type of specimen, date/time of collection, submitter, date of onset, travel history, date shipped/sent to GPHL, test(s) requested and other pertinent information • Illegible submission forms that are not consistent with the specimen submitted will be rejected and requesting facility will be asked to re-submit. • Submission forms must not be in direct contact with the specimen(s). • Fill out required form(s) COMPLETELY. • Incomplete forms will be rejected.
Result Notification:	<p>Specimens run will be every Monday. Laboratory reports will be forwarded to the submitting facility, territory epidemiologist, and the BCDC Administrator via FAX.</p> <p>Any other request for copies of laboratory reports, apart from that stipulated above will not be accepted.</p>
Contact:	<p>Alan Mallari, Microbiologist II, GPHL (671) 735-7158/355 alanjohn.mallari@dphss.guam.gov</p>

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Contact (cont.)	<p>Lea Nisay, Microbiologist I, GPHL(Alternate) (671) 735-7170 (671) 735-0348 FAX lea.nisay@dphss.guam.gov</p> <p>Anne Marie Santos, Laboratory Administrator, GPHL (671) 735-7153/355 Annemarie.santos@dphss.guam.gov</p>
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References:

1. CDC Interim Guidance for Screening for Novel Influenza A (H1N1) (Swine Flu) by State and Local Health Departments, Hospitals and Clinicians in Regions with Few or No Reported Cases of Novel Influenza A (H1N1). May 1, 2009
2. CDC Interim Guidance on Specimen Collection, Processing and Testing for Patients with Suspected Swine-Origin Influenza A(H1N1) Virus Infection. April 30, 2009
3. CDC Interim Guidance on Case Definitions to be Used for Investigations of Swine-Origin Influenza A (H1N1). April 30, 2009
4. GeneXpert Flu Assay package insert



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
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Post Office Box 2816, Hagatña, Guam 96932

INFLUENZA GIAA/PAG SPECIMEN
SUBMISSION FORM

FOR RESPIRATORY SPECIMENS COLLECTED FOR
INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE ONLY

ACCESSION NUMBER: _____

LAB NUMBER: _____ TIME/DATE
SUBMITTED: _____

PATIENT IDENTIFICATION

FIRST NAME & MIDDLE INITIAL: _____

LAST NAME: _____

CITIZENSHIP: ☐ YES COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: _____
U.S. Citizen? ☐ NO _____

DATE OF BIRTH:
(MM/DD/YY) _____

SEX: ☐ MALE
☐ FEMALE

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS

STREET ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

COUNTRY: _____

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

LOCAL ADDRESS/LOCATION: PROVIDE HOTEL NAME /LOCATION WHEN APPLICABLE (i.e. The Guam Hotel Resort, Guam)

TRAVEL INFORMATION

AIRCRAFT/VESSEL: _____

LIST ALL TRAVEL WITHIN THE 14 DAY PERIOD PRIOR
TO ONSET OF ILLNESS (PLACES & DATES)

AIRCRAFT/VESSEL NUMBER: _____

CITIES: _____

DATES: _____

ORIGIN OF AIRCRAFT/VESSEL: _____

EXPECTED DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM GUAM: _____

CLINICAL SIGNS/SYMPTOMS

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FEVER (Maximum temp. _____ °F) | <input type="checkbox"/> HEADACHE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COUGH | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSCLE ACHE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SORE THROAT | <input type="checkbox"/> CHILLS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MALAISE | <input type="checkbox"/> DIAHRREA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER | <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING |

DATE OF ONSET OF SYMPTOMS: (MM/DD/YY) _____

DATE OF RECENT INFLUENZA VACCINATION: (MM/DD/YY) _____

DOES PASSENGER MEET SUSPECT AVIAN INFLURNZA CRITERIA? ☐ YES ☐ NO

SPECIMEN INFORMATION

DATE OF SPECIMEN

COLLECTION: (MM/DD/YY) _____

TYPE OF SPECIMEN:

- ☐ NASOPHARYNGEAL SWAB
☐ OTHER (Specify): _____

PROVIDER SIGNATURE: _____

SCREENING TEST:

QUICKVUE INF A+B (Results -Circle One)

A+ B+ NEG INVALID NOT DONE

OTHER (Specify): _____

TITLE: _____

RESULTS:

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES USE
ONLY**

DATE OF REPORT:

Attachment 3-E

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
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761 South Marine Corps Drive
Tamuning, Guam 96913



CONSENT FOR DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION AND HEALTH SERVICES

CONSENT TO DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION: I authorize and consent the Guam Department of Health and Social Services to collect, test, and submit specimens to reference laboratories for diagnostic evaluation.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I understand that my health information including possible exposure history may be disclosed to DPHSS testing facilities/laboratories and/or DPHSS-affiliated testing facilities/laboratories for the purposes of conducting public health surveillance and response.

I certify that I have read this Consent and that I am the *patient* or *the* patient's appointed representative, and I accept and agree to be bound by the Consent, a Copy of which *will* be made available upon request.

I, the undersigned, understand that I will be fully informed of the need, risks, and advantages of each medical procedure and treatment, and do hereby give my full consent to the Department of Public Health and Social Services to perform such necessary examinations and treatment deemed advisable in connection with my diagnoses and the maintenance of good health. I also understand that I have the right to refuse such care, unless required by law. I, furthermore understand that it is my responsibility to supply accurate and complete medical history information to those involved with my care, and to inform them of any changes in my health. I also understand that it is my responsibility to inform those involved with my care if I do not understand any instructions given or cannot follow the instructions given to me relative to my care and treatment.

This consent, unless sooner revoked in writing, shall expire upon my discharge by appropriate authorities of the Department of Public Health and Social Services.

Witness

Date

NAME OF PATIENT (Print)

Signature of Patient

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY
IF PATIENT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD

State Laboratories Division
HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
2725 Waimano Home Rd
Pearl City, HI 96782

STATE LABORATORY NUMBER

DATE RECEIVED

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

ORDERING/PRIMARY PHYSICIAN:

ADDRESS:
(Street,
City, Zip code)

PHONE NO:

SUBMITTING LABORATORY:

ADDRESS:
(Street,
City, Zip code)

PHONE NO:

CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS

CATEGORY OF AGENT SUSPECTED

I. PATIENT IDENTIFICATION

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME AND MIDDLE INITIAL

RESIDENT ADDRESS (Physical place of residence Street, City, Zip code)

PHONE NO:

OCCUPATION

RACE

DATE OF BIRTH

SEX

DATE OF ONSET

LABORATORY EXAMINATION REQUESTED

SPECIFIC AGENT SUSPECTED

II. SPECIMEN INFORMATION

1. SOURCE OF SPECIMEN

☐ HUMAN

☐ OTHER (Specify): _____

2. ORIGINAL MATERIAL SUBMITTED

* TYPE OF SPECIMEN: _____

DATE OF COLLECTION: _____

TRANSPORT MEDIUM: _____

* SPECIFY SITE OF COLLECTION

3. SEROLOGY SPECIMEN

COLLECTION DATE

☐ ACUTE (S1): _____

☐ CONVALESCENT (S2): _____

☐ S3: _____

☐ S4: _____

☐ Other (Specify): _____

4. REFERRED SPECIMEN

☐ PURE ISOLATE

☐ MIXED CULTURE

☐ OTHER (Specify): _____

DATE OF ORIGINAL CULTURE: _____

PRIMARY ISOLATION MEDIA: _____

COLLECTION SITE OF ORIGINAL SPECIMEN: _____

DATE OF CULTURE SUBMITTED AND TRANSPORT

MEDIUM USED: _____

SUSPECTED IDENTIFICATION: _____

OTHER ORGANISMS FOUND: _____

OTHER INFORMATION: _____

III. CLINICAL HISTORY

1. CLINICAL SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

☐ FEVER

☐ EXANTHEMA (Specify Type): _____

☐ RESPIRATORY SIGNS: _____

☐ CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

INVOLVEMENT: _____

☐ GASTROINTESTINAL INVOLVEMENT: _____

2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TRAVEL HISTORY: _____

IMMUNIZATIONS: _____

ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY: _____

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3. PREVIOUS LABORATORY RESULTS / OTHER INFORMATION:

DATE OF REPORT: _____



Appendix G:

Specimen Requirements for Influenza A (Flu A), Influenza B (Flu B), Adenovirus, Detection and Identification by real-time *Taqman* Reverse Transcriptase (RT) Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Methodology:	Real time <i>TaqMan</i> RT-PCR
Performed:	Real time <i>TaqMan</i> RT-PCR is used to detect respiratory virus pathogens that may be associated with a clinical presentation indistinguishable from Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Coronavirus. Only specimens meeting the criteria (high risk groups and/or outbreak occurrences) and case definition set by the Disease Investigation Branch (DIB) of the Disease Outbreak and Control Division of the Department of Health will be tested.
Turn-Around-Time:	Preliminary report(s) will be available 6-8 hours from the time the specimen was received at the BT Response Laboratory. Positive specimens will be forwarded to the Virology Section for confirmatory testing.
Specimen required:	Respiratory specimens including bronchoalveolar lavage, tracheal aspirates, sputum, nasopharyngeal (NP) or oropharyngeal (OP) aspirates or washes, and NP or OP swabs.
Specimen Collection:	<p>Use only Dacron tip swabs with an aluminum or plastic shaft. Calcium alginate swabs or cotton swabs with wooden sticks are unacceptable because they may cause PCR inhibition and may contain substances that inactivate or may be toxic to some viruses.</p> <p>For NP swabs- Insert swab into the nostril parallel to the palate and leave in place for a few seconds to absorb secretions.</p> <p>For OP swabs- swab both posterior pharynx and tonsillar areas, avoiding the tongue.</p> <p>Place swabs immediately into sterile vials containing 2 ml of viral transport media. Break the shaft and tighten the cap of the vial. Label each specimen with a unique identifier, type of specimen and date of collection.</p> <p>Note: Only swabs in viral transport media (VTM) will be accepted.</p>



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For NP wash/aspirate- Have the patient sit with the head tilted slightly backward. Instill 1-1.5 ml. of non-bacteriostatic saline (pH 7.0) into one nostril. Flush a plastic catheter or tubing with 2-3 ml of saline. Insert the tubing into the nostril parallel to the palate. Aspirate NP secretions. Repeat this procedure with each nostril. Collect NP/OP wash or aspirate in sterile vials. Label each specimen with a unique identifier, type of specimen and date of collection. *NP aspirates are the specimen of choice for the detection of respiratory viruses.*

Note: Respiratory specimens should be collected as soon as possible in the course of illness. Recovery of viruses diminishes markedly >72 hours after onset of symptoms.

Specimen storage, packing and transport:

Ship specimens with cold packs to keep the sample at 4°C. Follow instructions on the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S.DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations for transporting diagnostic specimens and the packing instructions from the current edition of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations.

Specimen submission:

The Epidemiology Specialist of the DIB must notify Rebecca H. Sciulli of the Bioterrorism Response Laboratory at 368-3373 or 453-5990 prior to the submission of specimens.

Note: It is the responsibility of the submitter to track the arrival of the specimens along with Form 81.3 at the State Laboratories Division to ensure that these specimens are received by the BT Response Laboratory staff.

Unacceptable conditions:

- Specimen is received in a container that is leaking;
- Specimen is not collected in a proper container or special handling instruction is not followed;
- Viral transport media is expired;
- Swabs with cotton tips, calcium alginate, and swabs with wooden shafts;
- Specimen is not received at 4°C or packed in blue ice;
- Specimen quantity is insufficient to perform the tests;
- Unlabeled specimens;



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- Incomplete requisition form (*e.g.*, no date of onset, travel history, if appropriate, *etc.*);
- Specimen label does not match the requisition.

Stability:

All specimens must be refrigerated at 2-8°C immediately after collection. If the specimen cannot be transported to the State Laboratories Division within 48 hours after collection, it should be kept frozen at -20°C (for PCR detection).

Requisition Form:

- State Laboratories Division Requisition **Form 81.3**
Each specimen submitted must have a completed Form 81.3, with the patient's unique identifier, submitter, specimen site/specimen type, date of onset, travel history, date of collection, date shipped/sent to the SLD, test(s) requested and other pertinent information.
- Illegible Form 81.3 or forms that are not consistent with the specimen submitted will be rejected and requesting facility will be asked to re-submit.
- Requisition forms shall be placed in a separate bag and shall not be packed with the specimen(s).

Normal Value:

N/A

Result Notification:

Laboratory reports will be forwarded to the submitter (Epidemiological Specialist at the Disease Investigation Branch (DIB), Disease Outbreak Control Division (DOCD) or submitting laboratory) by electronic reporting system or via FAX. **Any other request for copies of laboratory reports by submitters other than DOCD or the submitting laboratory will not be accepted and laboratory reports will only be released to DOCD or the submitting laboratory.**

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